

### REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated February 2, 2006, and have made amendments to the claims. By virtue of this amendment, only claims 16 and 32 are pending, claims 16 and 32 have been amended, and claims 15 and 31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for finding that claims 16 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 16 and 32 have been amended to be made in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 15 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Albisser et al. (U.S. Patent 4,245,634) as modified by McNally et al. (US Patent 4,080,966). In addition, claims 15 and 31 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for double patenting. By virtue of this amendment, claims 15 and 31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is now moot.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 15 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103 should be withdrawn.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Northridge, California, telephone number (818) 576-4110, to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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